(c) Does not arise.

## **ADB Assistance for Distribution** System in Karnataka

4155 SHR S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVEN-TIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved US \$ 100 m. loan for improving the power distribution system in the urban centres in Karnataka:
- (b) if so, the details of the assistance: and
- (c) the time by which the ADB aided programme will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CON-VENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

## Gold and Other Minerals in Karnataka

4156, SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. has discovered a gold ore reserve in Wondalli, Raichur district in Karnataka:
- (b) if so, the quantum of gold ore explored; and
- (c) the facts and the details of the other mineral reserves explored during April-October, 1991 in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (MECL) have estimated a reserve of 4.69 lakh tonnes of gold ore with average grade of 2.76 grams per tonne in Wondalli, Raichur district in Karnataka.
- (c) Exploration for other minerals was not carried out in the area.

## Production of Steel

4157, SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of crude steel produced by the Steel Authority of India during the first eight month of 1991-92;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by it to step up production of value added items:
- (c) whether the SAIL is supplying corrosion resistant steel to the Indian Railways;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the countries to which galvanised products are being exported; and
- (f) the demand for steel estimated in the country during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Production of Crude steel during the first eight months of year 1991-92 was 62.5 lakh tonnes by SAIL.

- (b) By stabilising cold rolled mill II of Bokaro Steel Plant, SAIL has enhanced the production of value added items. With increased focus on large number of inter-plant transfer of semis-finished steel next year, the production of value added items will increase.
  - (c) Yes, Sir.